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If you'd like to contact the BHCA then you can either;

- Write to us at **Parish Council Offices, Hanover Close, Bar Hill. CB23 8EH**
- Email the Chair of Trustees at **chair-of-trustees@barhill-ca.org**, or
- Call/ message/ WhatsApp **07814 871752**.

We meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the Fox. If you'd like an agenda please get in touch!

Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association. Anonymous letters will not be published. Names and addresses may be withheld.

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale or Lost and Found. These appear at the Editor's discretion.

All items should be submitted to **bhn-editor@barhill-ca.org**

See www.barhill-ca.org

SAXON PARK/ BAR HILL SKATEPARK

I hope you're all enjoying the sun! The Parish Council are in the process of reviewing the tender document. By the time you read this the July meeting will have happened and hopefully we are able to move forward and give you more news next month.

I'd like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who attended our taster session on the playground at this year's Village Fete. It was very well attended and we got a chance to talk to many parents and children about our plans - hopefully it wasn't too hot for everyone!

If you would like to come along to one of our meetings - either to help, ask questions, or just to see what we are working on! - we meet in the Bar Hill Sports and Social Club on the fourth TUESDAY of every month at 6.30 pm. We are a very welcoming group and would love to see you there!

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August 2025 Timetable

Every Monday, 10- 12 (unless otherwise listed) in the Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery)
The Hub is for people of all ages as a place to gather & enjoy community!

4 August	Coffee Stop, Foodbank, Chess, traditional & 5Aside versions	NO Health & Wellbeing session today
11 August		Carers Café with talk about Falls Prevention 10.00 - 11.30
18 August		Health & Wellbeing 10.15 - 10.45
25 August		Bank Holiday - NO Community Hub

WHEN: Every Monday 10am – 12pm.

WHERE: The Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery), Bar Hill, CB23 8EH

WHAT: Our vision is to create a fairer and friendlier community, so everyone can thrive and knows where to turn to for warmth, welcome, friendship and support. The Hub is a busy gathering space, providing a warm, comfortable, welcoming space for our entire community. Come along and join us, we look forward to seeing you!

Coffee Stop: Pop in for a coffee, a piece of delicious home-made cake and a chat with friends, old and new!

Foodbank: No need for any vouchers. If you are struggling financially, drop by and let us help you, available between 10am and 11.30am

Citizens Advice: NOTICE: for health reasons, there is no village Citizens Advice service. To book an appointment for face to face, email or telephone advice with the Cambridge office, please use the following contact details

Email: https://www.cambridgecab.org.uk/get-advice/email-us/

Phone: 0808 278 7808

Evergreens: a safe space for those with memory loss to enjoy: Conversation, Connection, Celebration. Accompanied by a carer, friend or family member. When: usually 4th Monday of each month. Please see separate entry in Bar Hill News for more information.

Health & Wellbeing: On the 1st & 3rd Monday, take advantage of some exercise guidance from our experienced coach and visiting speakers (starting at 10.15am).

Carers Café: On the 2nd Monday of the month, providing support for any carers in the village, even if you are not a patient of Maple Surgery

Meet a Parish Councillor: you can meet one of our Parish Councillors to discuss any issues within our village, between 10am and 12pm on the 4th Monday of the month. Just look for the sign within the Coffee Stop.

Traditional & 5Aside Chess (within the Coffee Stop): A great way to connect and start a conversation with people happy to teach you this wonderful game. Come along and join us for refreshments and a chat!

Your Community Hub…in the community, by the community, for the community!

LETTERS, NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send your letters & notices to **bhn-editor@barhill-ca.org**. Thank you!



Dear Residents,

At the start of July we held the Annual General Meeting for the Bar Hill Community Association.

A number of Trustees (including myself) have stated that while they are happy to remain for the next year this year will be their last in official positions. Over the coming months I'd urge you to consider joining us. While we are Financially quite well off we lack the people to actually do things for the village.

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Yes. I know. You're busy. And yes, I accept, that you probably haven't done anything like this before - none of us had when started.

Please look at the next year as an opportunity for you to come along, join the groups you're interested in, and see how everything works. We are all actually quite friendly!

For the 2024 financial year the officials for the Charity are myself (Chair of Trustees), Anthony Mitchell (Vice Chair of Trustees), Jenni Foster-Smith (Secretary), and a Treasurer role (TBC).

I look forward to hearing from you!

Andy Pellew

Chair of Trustees | 07814 871 752

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Bar Hill Indoor Bowls Club

We meet in the school on Friday evenings during term time only from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm with a 1/2 hour break for coffee. We are a very friendly group and we would love to have some new members. It doesn't matter if you have never played before just come along and join us one Friday, the cost is £3 per week but the 1st week is free.
Due to school holidays our last bowls night was Friday18 July and we re-start on Friday 5 September. Hope you all have a good summer break

So why not come along in September and give it a try?

If you would like more information please contact me on **01954 204171 / 07847 327709** or **barbara.page@live.co.uk**

8 o'clock club

The club is a women's group and we meet in the school on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm. *No meetings in August (due to the summer holidays). Our next meeting will be the enrolment evening on 4th September.*

Our fee is £15 per year and £1 each meeting for a hot drink and raffle.

We welcome new members to the club. If you would like to join please come along to one of our meetings or phone Barbara **204171** (**07847 327709**) Adela **204265** or Ann **204687**

The deadline for submissions is the second Thursday of the Month.
Please send your article to **bhn-editor@barhillca.org** (PDF, Word, Pages, etc)

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and select Bar Hill Community Association as your chose "good cause" when you purchase your ticket(s).

REMEMBER, 50p of every ticket you buy will go directly to make your village even greater.

If you want more information, then please feel free to speak to any of the BHCA Trustees or Volunteers.

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Care Network Cambridgeshire's Wellbeing Service offers free, short-term support for adults (18+) in South Cambs who may be struggling with confidence, isolation, illness, or low mood. Our friendly team can provide one-to-one support and match individuals with trained volunteers who can offer companionship through phone calls or accompanying them to access the community. Support is tailored over 6–8 sessions, helping people regain independence and feel more connected.

If you or someone you know could benefit, making a referral is easy — just visit care-network.org.uk/wellbeing or contact us at wellbeing@care-network.org.uk or **0330 094 5750**.

Bar Hill HAPPY HOURS Club

The Bar Hill Happy Hours club meets in the main bar area of the Bar Hill Sports and Social Club between 2 and 4pm on Friday afternoons for tea/coffee and cakes, getting together with friends, fun and games. All of this for only £2 per person. The bar is open if you want something extra.

Coming in August:

1st August: Games and a Quiz
8th August: Bingo and a Quiz
15th August: Holiday/Seaside/Picnic theme
22nd August: Bingo and a Quiz
29th August: Games and a Quiz

Anne Plumb | **07790 306922** | **anne@rwp10.plus.com**

Unpaid Carer's Report

Caring Together have now released their 2025 "Carers Speak Out"-report - this report is a timely and powerful reflection of the often-harrowing lived experiences of unpaid carers across Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, and Norfolk. Drawing on personal stories, it highlights the deep frustrations, fears, and isolation carers face as they take on growing responsibilities with little support.

You can read our detailed report either by visiting our website www.caringtogether.org or by using the QR code above.

Caring Together Charity

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Ladies Book Club

There will be no meeting in August.

We start season 2025/2026 on Tuesday evening 16th September at 19.30 hr in the Social Club. The book we will discuss is 'An Elderly lady is up to no good', written by Helene Tursten.

We are a small friendly group and would welcome more ladies joining us in discussing the monthly book choice and various other topics!

Please email julie45172@outlook.com or call/text Julie on **07779 846303** for more details.

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If you have any queries please call Bunty Waters **07734 690580**.

Our local parish priest is Father Adrian Gates, from OLEM, Ditton he is also the Hospital Chaplain - **07842 190882**.

Come & worship - everyone welcome.

Contact Bunty Waters for more info.

Help! We're Missing Something

Maybe it's an article by a group you support? A bit of local news? Or even details of an event? Let us know! Deadline for our September issue is **Thursday 14th August**.



Olive Tree Bereavement Group

Our next meeting is on Saturday 19h August, and the following one will be on 13th September. Meetings are held in the Octagon at 10.30 am and refreshments are provided.



We will be pleased to see you if you are a regular member, a new member or if you have never been before.

We are now into the Summer holidays and for some people it can be very difficult, so if you find this a challenging time you are very welcome to come along and meet others who may be in a similar position.

We are a very welcoming group where you can talk freely and where your confidence will be respected. There will be time to share your experiences, join in discussions and get to know others in the group.

If you are not sure if the group is right for you, please phone one of us to discuss it. We welcome all newcomers but would ask that you come at 10am so that we can explain the format.

The leaders, who are CRUSE trained, and the other members of the group will offer a warm welcome, and you will meet other people who have been through loss and who understand the pain and difficulties that this brings.

For more details telephone Sue Kenchington on **780260**, or Chris Stannard on **781978**.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Bar Hill Branch of the Royal British Legion Meet in the Meetings Room of the Octagon on the 4th Thursday of the Month, at 7.30pm.

If you would like to become a member, everyone is welcome, you do not have to have served in the Forces to join.

Our aim is to support all those who have served in any of the Forces at any time.

Our meeting on the 28th August is a Fish and Chip supper followed by a quiz and refreshments please note this will start at 6.30pm not 7.30pm.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2025 runs from Saturday 25th October until 11th November. We have a table in the foyer of Tesco's, and to make it as successful as last year, we are looking for volunteer to help man the stall.

We have one-hour slots, and there are always two people on at a time, so you wouldn't be alone.

If you are willing to help, please get in touch with Maggie Cox on **07922 342954**.

If you are interested in joining or would like further information or help, please contact either Wendy Arrowsmith on **01954 781381** or Malcolm Cox on **01953 488657**.

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Bar Hill Church news

Services for August may be viewed on our website barhillchurch.org.uk

My name is Jonathan and I am coming towards the end of my first year as Curate at Bar Hill Church. This is a training role where I support Rev'd Wendy Wale and the church leadership team. Two weeks ago was a very special day for me and my family when I was ordained as a Priest in the Church of England. This took place at Ely Cathedral and it was wonderful to have such a large crowd of the Bar Hill Church family there to support me. The service saw me alongside 12 others make promises to the Bishop, to the church and most importantly to God. These ordination services take place in cathedrals at this time of year, as people set out to follow a vocation to serve people in parishes all over the country. Here at Bar Hill that means getting to know people in the local church and the local community. And it's not just for weddings, funerals and baptisms! There is so much going on at Bar Hill Church (see our website to find out more) and I do hope to have the chance to meet many of you in the coming months. If you see me around the village, do stop and say hello.





Contacts

Church Office: Ian Farr, 01954 206120, church.office@barhillchurch.org.uk
Working hours usually include Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.
Enquiries about hiring space for an event should be directed to Ian.

Minister: Revd Wendy Wale, 07780 828865, minister@barhillchurch.org.uk
Working days are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

Website: https://barhillchurch.org.uk
Facebook: https://facebook.com/barhillchurch

Bar Hill Library - August 2025

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Summer Reading Challenge (SRC) continues until the end of August and there are still plenty of activities to take part in:

29th July - 26th August Community Craft: Paper Garden

Mon 4th August 10am-5pm Community Craft: Animals & Leaves

Wed 6th August 10am-12pm LEGO

Mon 11th August 10am-5pm Secret Garden Craft

Wed 13th August 10am-12pm LEGO

Mon 18th August 10am-12pm Pinwheels

Wed 20th August 10am-12pm LEGO

Wed 27th August 10am-12pm LEGO

Mon 15th September 3.15-4pm SRC Award Ceremony

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BAR HILL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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POSTAL VOTING

Postal voters are now required to renew their postal vote application every three years.

If you applied for a postal vote before 31 October 2023, your postal vote will expire on 31 January 2026.

All affected postal voters are now being asked to re-apply for their postal vote.

The quickest and easiest way to renew is online at www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote.

HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE

Cambridgeshire County Council has published its Highways Maintenance Transparency Report in response to new Government requirements as part of securing a share of £500 million national funding for 2025-26. The full report is available online.

Key highlights:

- Capital funding for highways maintenance increased from £24m to £59m since 2023-24.
- £73m allocated for 2025/26 (including revenue funding).
- An average 55,400 potholes repaired annually over the past five years.

In 2024/25:

- £30m spent on 145km road improvements.
- 120km of walking/cycling routes improved.
- 35,000+ drains cleaned, 31 traffic signals upgraded.
- 41,000 tonnes of material recycled, saving 735 tonnes CO_2e.

Plans for 2025/26 include:

- 259 road repair schemes (135km).
- 253 walking/cycling route improvements.
- 5 bridge upgrades and 20 traffic signal replacements.

FOOD WASTE BAGS

These Food Waste bags can be obtained from South Cambs at Cambourne, also you can get a Caddy for them. They really are very good and go straight into your green bin.

NEW BUSINESS PORTAL

This is a centralised and user friendly platform designed to improve how businesses engage with the Council. The portal, launched on 19 June with a soft launch which means there will be a link to the South Cambs website to anyone who would like to use it, let me know if I can help with this.



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Such amazing support from our local cycle club members, families and individuals who enjoyed three rides though the South Cambridgeshire countryside, with a sunny day, gentle breeze and cloud keeping temperatures reasonable. The 100k ride worked its way from Over to Wilburton, Elsworth, Haslingfield, Bourn, Fen Drayton and back to Over for the after-rides BBQ, bar and live music at the Over Community Centre. The 50k from Over went through Cottenham, Boxworth, Cambourne and Fen Stanton to return to Over for the social. And, the family ride followed the busway cycle track from Over to St Ives and back to join the party. All children who completed a ride were presented with a finisher medal, to help make the event a memorable day.

Very grateful thanks must go to our most generous sponsors : Law & Lewis, Joiners; All Eyes, spectacle makers; Redmayne, Miller, Rees, estate agents, and Highgate Veterinary Practice whose funds met all event expenses so that every penny of rider donations will go to the Day Centre, this year to enhance client activities and for capital items. Riders and friends made very generous donations. Very grateful thanks too to the providers of raffle prizes, the rides marshalls, sweepers, registration teams, Tesco Bar Hill for drinks and snacks for the family ride, first-aid, mechanical and broom-wagon supporters, sweepers and graphic designer; and Willingham Wheels and Swavesey & Over Cycling Club who planned the ride routes, risk-assessed and signed them. In all, 110 signs were positioned to mark the various routes, with all collected in for next year!!

In all, a lovely day, testimony to great community and local business involvement in support of the Over Day Centre charity. We look forward to seeing you at future events.





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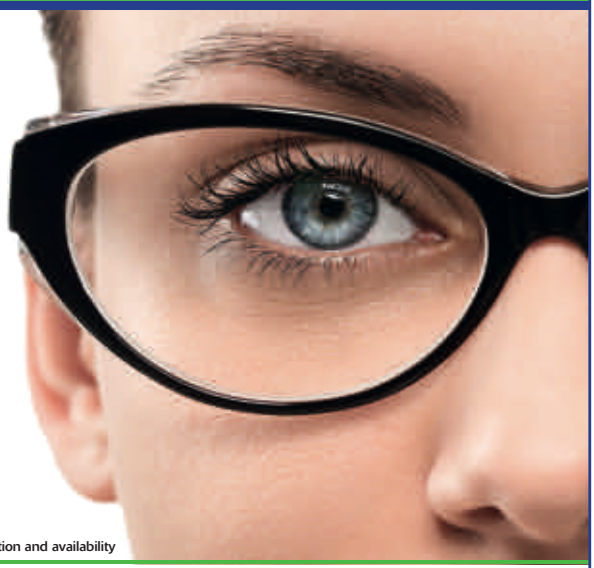
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On 18th July we sadly said goodbye to our children moving onto Bar Hill Primary school, we have had lots of fun, laughter and learning together. We will miss you all and wish them lots more fun and exciting learning opportunities as the continue their educational journey at school.

Although we are currently closed for the summer holiday, we are using the time to do our maintenance jobs. We will officially re-open on Wednesday 3rd September for the new school year.

From September 2025 Bar Hill Preschool CIO will be open 8.30am-3pm Monday-Friday, term time, for children aged 2 years-4 years.

A parents review:

When my little boy started preschool he was very anxious. The wonderful staff were very patient in helping to build up his confidence. He now stays for full days and is excited to go. As a parent, I love being able to see through online journals all the different activities that the staff provide for the children and the fun my little boy has while he is at preschool! He really does love his time at preschool and will be sad to leave when he starts school!

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Practice Nurse

We have managed to finally recruit a Practice Nurse to work at Maple Surgery. She will be joining our other new starter in the middle of May. This is exciting news for us, and I am sure that you will all join us in welcoming her to the Practice when she arrives.

Practice closures for Staff training

The practice will be closed from 1.00pm for training on the following dates:-

- Wednesday 16th July 2025
- Thursday 18th September 2025

Maple Surgery Building Refurbishment

We have been notified that the Practice will be going through a refurbishment project to the building.

The full details have not been finalised as yet, but it has been suggested that this will be a significant project.

The suggested commencement of the project is some point in September, but until the details have been finalised, it will not be possible to confirm this.

While some of the work will be undertaken outside of normal working hours (due to the nature of the works and areas involved), it will also be necessary to undertake some of it during opening hours.

We will endeavour to keep disturbances to a minimum.

Please be patient with us while these improvements are being made.

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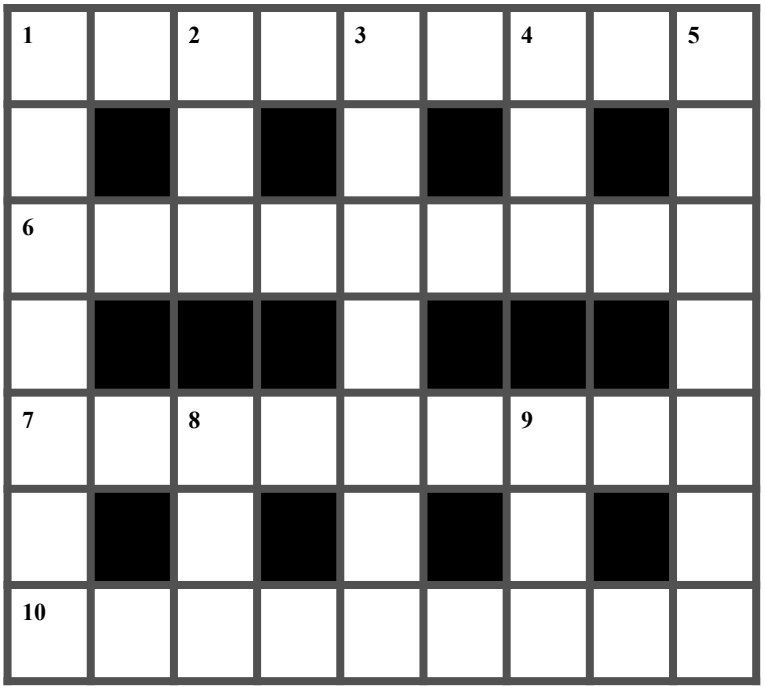
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Bar Hill Primary School



Bar Hill Primary performs at the Meridian East Hub Showcase

We are incredibly proud of all our children who took part in this year's East Hub Primary Showcase at Northstowe in July.

Our talented choir and dance club, featuring children from Years 1 to 6, performed with great enthusiasm alongside 18 other local primary schools. The children demonstrated remarkable dedication and teamwork throughout their rehearsals, which truly shone through in their performances.

A special highlight of the day was a fun and inspiring vocal workshop led by the folk band MEGSON, giving the children an unforgettable experience before the evening show. To top it all off, we had the exciting opportunity to open the event with a lively, confident performance that set a fantastic tone for the night.

A huge thank you to all the families and friends who came to support the children in person, as well as those who joined us via the live stream.

Exciting News from Bar Hill Youth Council!

We're proud to share that Bar Hill Parish Council now includes a youth voice — and that's us!

We're Megan, Dexter, Beko, Maya, Oscar & Edward, and we're working hard to make a positive difference in our village. Here are our 3 key aims to start:

Safer school travel – Please walk, cycle, or park away from the school gates to keep everyone safe.

Charity support – We're working with @BritishRedCross and looking for local businesses to host donation tins. Interested? Contact the school office!

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As every year, Wimbledon encouraged a few more folks to dig out their tennis racquet and try their hand. Haven't seen anything yet to match Carlos Alcaraz's amazing drop shots but summer's not over yet!

SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN

By the time this edition of Bar Hill News is published, we hope to have held our week of 'School Summer Holiday Fun' with free Pickleball taster sessions for children and accompanying adults. We hope that was really fun for young and old(er), and we thank Lesley for organising it.

DID YOU KNOW?

"Pickleball was created to offer an entertaining, accessible sport for families of its inventors… Its easy-to-learn rules and sociable nature boosted its popularity and reach across the globe" (https://sportsfoundation.org/who-invented-pickleball/). It may also be the only sport named after a dog!

OCCASIONAL PAY & PLAY GAMES

You can book a pay & play game using the tennis nets and your own equipment. Go to https://barhilltennisclub.co.uk/book.

CLUB TIMES

Our Adult Club nights for social tennis are Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 6.30pm.

Our Adult Club times for pickleball are Monday evenings starting at 6.00pm, with a Beginners' session 5.00-6.00pm, and Friday mornings at 10.00am.

MEMBERSHIP

Club membership runs from April to March. Membership covers both tennis and pickleball and you can be part of the WhatsApp groups for either or both sports which give info about what's happening. You can apply online at

http://www.barhilltennisclub.co.uk.



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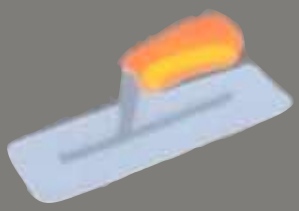
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our next lunch is on Saturday, August 23

Helping Hedgehogs in August



As summer winds on, August is a crucial month for one of our most beloved (and sadly declining) garden visitors — the hedgehog. While they're often associated with autumn hibernation, August is actually a vital time when hedgehogs are busy fattening up, raising late litters, and preparing for the colder months ahead. The good news? There's lots we can do in our gardens and communities to help them.

Hedgehogs need to put on plenty of weight before hibernation, especially the young ones born in summer. Those born too late, or unable to find enough food, may not survive the winter. With dry weather and tidy gardens often reducing their natural food sources, hedgehogs can struggle to find what they need.

How You Can Help

- Leave out food and water: A shallow dish of water can be a lifesaver in hot weather. You can also offer meaty cat or dog food (not fish-based), specialist hedgehog food, or crushed cat biscuits. Avoid bread and milk — these can make hedgehogs very ill as they are lactose intolerant.
- Make your garden hedgehog-friendly: Leave a wild patch if you can — log piles, compost heaps, and areas of long grass make great foraging and nesting spots. Check carefully before strimming or mowing.
- Create a hedgehog highway: A small hole (13cm x 13cm) in your fence or garden wall can connect your garden to others, giving hedgehogs space to roam in search of food and mates.
- Avoid pesticides and slug pellets: These can poison hedgehogs or reduce the insects they rely on.
- Be rescue-aware: If you see a small hedgehog out during the day, or one that looks underweight, wobbly, or injured, it may need help. For help and advice contact: Liz Dams - **07912 988898** / Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital **07947 361187**

Together, we can help ensure that hedgehogs remain a familiar snuffling presence in our village for generations to come.

Wildlife Gardening in August

August is a wonderful time to enjoy your garden, but it's also a key month for supporting local wildlife as many species prepare for autumn. Even small changes can create a haven for birds, bees, butterflies, and hedgehogs — all of which play a vital role in our local ecosystem.

What to do this month:

- Let things go a little wild: Leave some areas of your garden untidy — long grass, seed heads, and fallen fruit provide food and shelter for insects and mammals.
- Put out fresh water: A shallow dish of water is a lifeline in dry spells for birds, bees, and hedgehogs. Top it up daily and place it somewhere shady.
- Deadhead mindfully: While deadheading flowers can encourage more blooms, leave a few to go to seed — finches and other birds will thank you later!
- Check before you strim: Before using strimmers or mowers in long grass or under hedges, check carefully for hidden wildlife like frogs, toads, and hedgehogs.
- Plant for pollinators: Late-flowering plants like sedum, verbena, echinacea, and lavender are perfect for bees and butterflies still foraging in August.
- Get the kids involved: Try a simple bug hotel or set up a birdbath together — it's a great way to connect children with nature and encourage curiosity.

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Bar Hill School PTA

Summer Term 2025

During the Summer term, the PTA continued to hold regular tuck shops, held end of term discos, supplied refreshments at sports day and the YR5/6 performances, as well as refreshments for Rock Steady concert, the YR 6 proms is also happening this term. A very successful summer fayre was put on by the PTA and so far, this term we have raised £2302.78.



The PTA would like to thank the following for their support for the Summer Fayre:

- **Domino:** for sponsoring the inflatables
- **Pets at Home:** for coming along and providing knowledge and offering to judge the dog show (which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the heat)
- **Buttercups:** for providing electricity
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- **Police:** for coming along with letting the children ask questions and explore the car
- **BHCA:** for the fencing
- **Adam Hewitt:** for cooking all the food for BBQ

The PTA would also like to thank everyone that has kindly donated to enable us to achieve this amazing total.

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Refurbishment of the Library

The Library is going to have a major refurbishment. The plans suggest it will take just over 3 months to complete and the work looks set to start in September. Amongst other things it will involve replacing the heating system, which means it will affect the Post Office too. The plan is to have temporary alternative Post Office services while the works are going on in the building. These will be announced as soon as they are finalised.

Lorries parking on the ring road

It's a regular occurrence now to see lorries parked on the ring road outside Tesla. They can back up some way. It's not safe and it shouldn't be happening. There is a general problem with lorries parking overnight around there too. One of the most effective ways of putting an end to it is for the Parish to apply for a County council Local Highways Initiative grant funding to extend double yellow lines on the ring road at that point. The applications for Local Highways Initiatives take place annually and are very simple to do – but it is for the Parish Council to apply for. This scheme would involve the lines appearing relatively quickly.

One benefit is that once there are double yellow lines it becomes enforceable – traffic wardens would appear to issue parking tickets. Currently even though lorries are parked dangerously, they do observe the existing double yellow lines and do not park on them. It could well operate as a deterrence to park on that section of the ring road.

Saxon Park – a skate park development for Bar Hill

Resident surveys were clear that we need more facilities and activities for young people in Bar Hill. Skating is enjoyed by children and young people of a very wide span of ages, and boys and girls alike. It's been very enjoyable working with the team dedicated to making this happen. There's a lot of hard work involved but with professional advice, and working through issues one by one, the team have achieved a huge amount. They will need to raise funds and more. If you are interested in finding out more use this QR code to follow them on Facebook.

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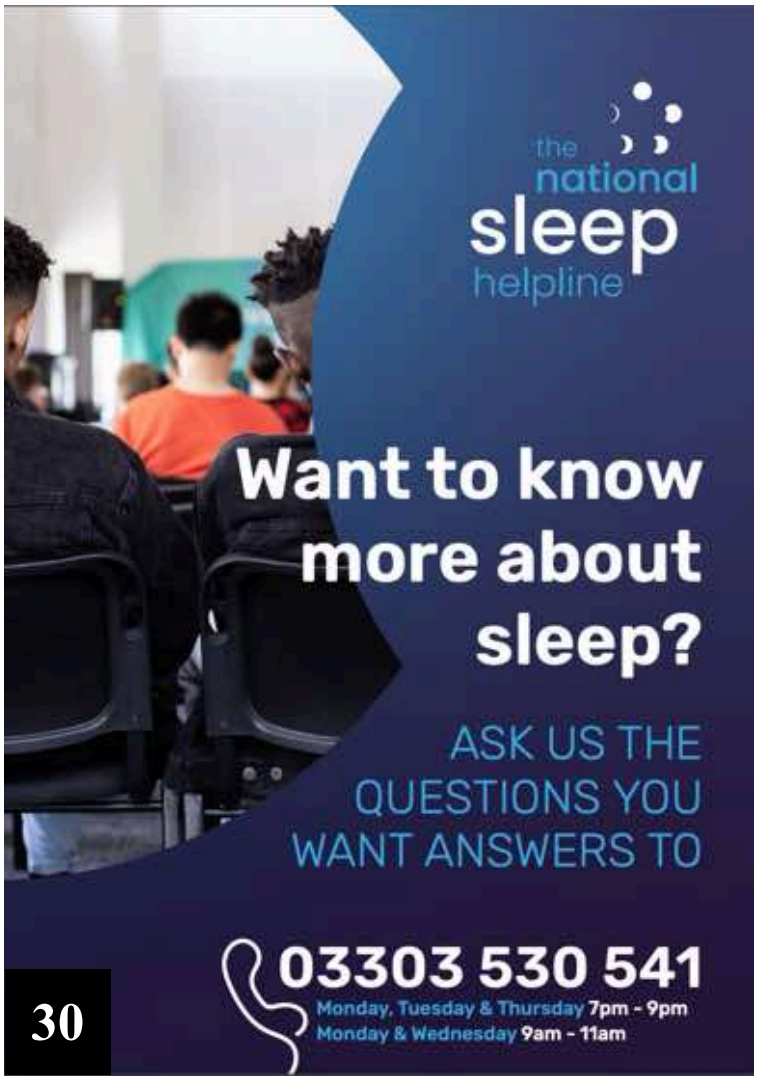
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Bar Hill Cricket Club

Two good victories in the CCA Junior Division 4W have left us second in the league table at the time of writing, just ahead of having a blank fixture on Fete Day.

Bar Hill posted 228 for 6 at home to Milton, captain Jacob Marshall-Grint leading the way with 88 from 69 balls, while Sujith Kidangoor made 55. All six bowlers used by Bar Hill got at least one wicket, and Barry Driver took 3 for 22 as Milton were dismissed for 106.

The win away to Cambridge St Giles IV was an even better performance as Bar Hill posted a challenging 300 for 5 with the bat. Paul Stimpson (53) and Sam Carrington (47) put on 99 for the first wicket but it was Sujith who really accelerated the innings, smashing 91 off 49 balls.

The hosts also batted well, their 13-year-old opener making an unbeaten 107, but Bar Hill restricted their total to 248 for 3.

Our match away to Cambridge Tamil Sangam II, played at Waterbeach went all the way to the last over and the home side won it with just 1 wicket in hand. On a difficult pitch, Jim Neal top-scored with 27 as Bar Hill made 148. In reply, Phil Orvis took 4 for 11 and others chipped in with wickets, but the hosts reached 151 for 9 with five balls to spare.

The Cambridge Business Houses League match at home to Fen Ditton was also a thriller which ended up as a tie as both sides made 133. For Bar Hill, Jeemon Vazhappilly scored 30, while Abdullah Ashfaq took 3 for 13.

Our other midweek match resulted in a good victory over Qualcomm, with the same two players to the fore but with opposite skills – Abdullah scoring 75 of Bar Hill's 138 for 6 and Jeemon taking 5 for 18 as Bar Hill won by 47 runs.

By the time you read this, we will be into the final month of the season with plenty still to play for.

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August fixtures

Sat 2nd: Fulbourn Inst II (A, CCA)

Tue 5th: Cambridge NCI (A, CBHL)

Sat 9th: Cherry Hinton II (A, CCA)

Sat 16th: Cambridge St Giles IV (H, CCA)

Sat 23rd: Longstowe (A, CCA)

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IAN SOLLOM MP NEWSLETTER

I am now officially one year into my role as MP for St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire and this has given me the opportunity to reflect on the events of the year, the people I have met and supported, and my plans for the next year.

Particularly significant moments have included seeing the Government U-turn on the Winter Fuel Allowance after months of campaigning; successfully lobbying for work coaches to be based in St Neots after raising this directly with the DWP meaning many local people no longer need to get to the Job Centre in Huntingdon; pushing the Government to provide free school meals for all children in families in receipt of Universal Credit; and securing new accommodation for a constituent who was living in appalling conditions for five years in a Places for People housing association property – although I recognise there are far more people who are continuing to have this issue, and my work on this is ongoing.

Healthcare

Improving access to NHS services was central to my election campaign, and over the past year I have visited a range of GP surgeries (including Bar Hill Maple Surgery) to understand what issues are holding them back from providing the best service they can. I have regularly made representations to our Integrated Care Board on behalf of local GPs, but without suitable funding from the Government, infrastructure and capacity issues cannot be resolved. Over the coming year, I will continue to push for a fair deal for our area – both for GPs and dentists. Residents must be able to access good care, quickly and easily, and our NHS must be in a state to serve our population in future.

Education

I am pleased to have visited every secondary school in the constituency, as well as many primary schools. I have also visited colleges, sixth forms and special schools that serve our area. I've met a range of staff and pupils and witnessed the great work that many of the schools are doing. However, they are continually struggling with funding, and the strain they are under to provide for children with SEND. I continue to work with the Liberal Democrats nationally to press the Government to increase funding for SEND provision, so that children get the education they deserve.

Representing Residents

I continue to hold regular in person and online surgeries, where I hear from residents about problems they face and where I can provide help.

Sometimes that has meant taking action in Parliament, such as hosting a debate on the failings of the Child Maintenance Service; proposing amendments to the upcoming Mental Health Bill on emergency placements for autistic people; fighting for recognition of those affected by the Infected Blood Scandal; and pressing the Education Secretary to improve standards of past papers for braillist students.

The Next Year...

While progress has been made, there is still work to do. Thank you to everyone who has been in touch with me over the past year, I do my best to deal with every message I receive and look forward to continuing to represent you.

If you would like to contact me, please email **ian.sollom.mp@parliament.uk**, visit my website **www.iansollom.org**, or alternatively you can follow me on X: @IanSollom, Facebook **www.facebook.com/IanFSollom** or Instagram **www.instagram.com/iansollom**

BAR HILL SCOUT GROUP

The Group has been very active this term.

The Squirrels our youngest section enjoyed games, handicrafts and a trip to camp.

Beaver Scouts are the next age group they have hiked round the local nature reserve learning about the trees and wildlife. A trip to Gilwell park the national scout headquarters was a good day out. The Beavers carried out a litter pick in the village, surprising the leaders who didn't realise it was a competitive sport. Fen Drayton RSPB nature reserve kindly laid on a pond dipping and bug hunting session, much enjoyed by everyone including the parents who came to help.

Cub Scouts have also been busy with an adventure to Disneyland Paris, a sleepover on HMS Belfast on the river Thames, kayaking at Over and a trip to Group Camp.

The Scout section had a great camp at Easter with various activities including archery, air rifles, bushcraft, rolling rock wall, a hike and cooking over wood fires. A kayaking session on the river was a great treat for all who attended although a few capsizes left some of the scouts a little damp.

All sections had a great time at Group camp with some of the youngsters Being under canvas for the first time.

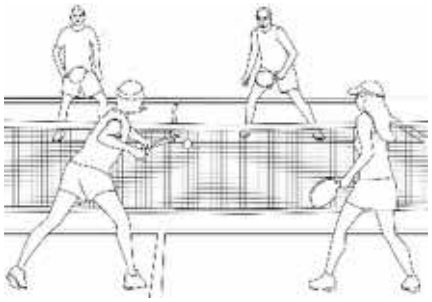
The Group is flourishing which gives the young people a chance to try new things and enjoy new challenges.

We have also got a keen group of Young Leaders (15 to 18 years) who help with sections which in much appreciated.

If you have a young person who would like to join, or you would like to get involved with the Group as occasional helper with a particular skill or as an assistant leader please contact our new Group Lead Volunteer - Nathen email info@barhillscouts.org.uk who will be happy to assess the best section for you.



Play Pickleball !



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Ages 5-85. Keep active!

We're trying to see if there's enough interest to raise money to resurface the tennis courts and include Pickleball lines.

Find Emily at the tennis courts on Monday evenings 6.00-7.00 pm during August.

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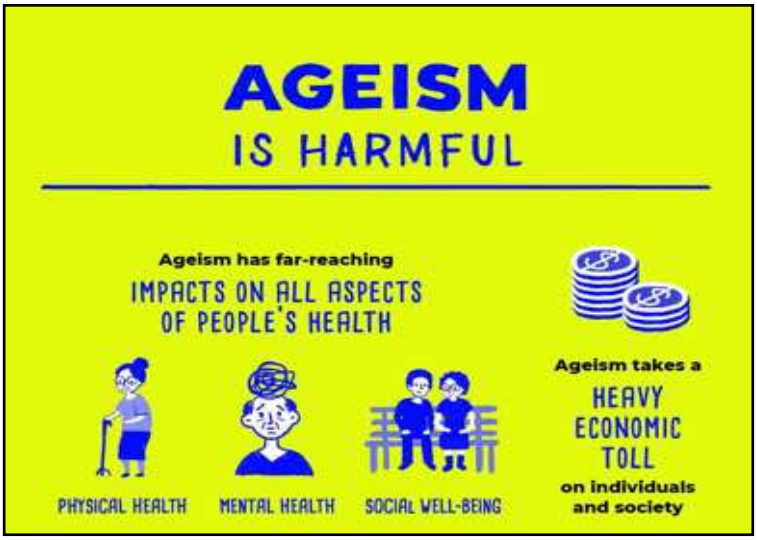
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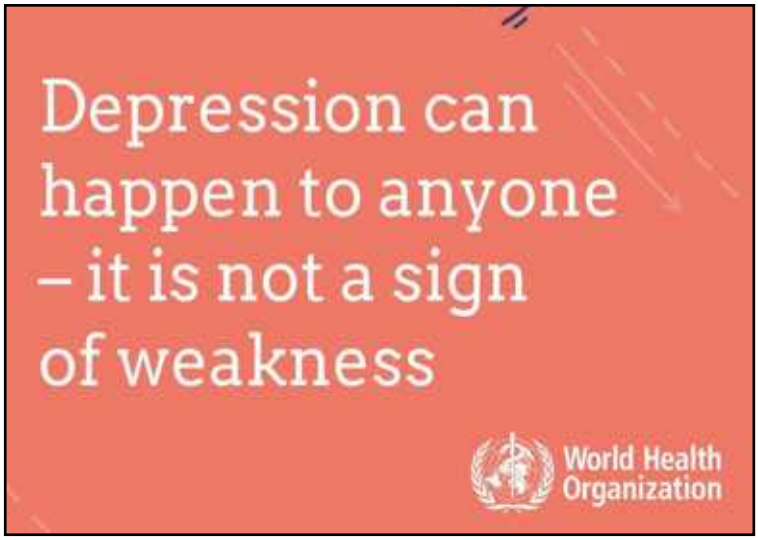
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We have been busy over the last couple of months, we have had caterpillars delivered so we can care for them and watch them turn into butterflies. We have enjoyed messy





and sensory play and have been developing our fine motor skills. We made Father's Day crafts, including picking and arranging wildflowers. We have spent time climbing trees at Wimpole, burning off some energy at a soft play centre and cooling off with water play and visiting splash pads on hot days.

We have been caring for and watering our strawberry, raspberry, peas and tomato plants and when they were ripe, we picked them and enjoyed eating them.

We have also been enjoying all the new equipment at the new park and are proud to have been able to contribute towards it. We are looking forward to lots more adventures now the school has broken up for the holidays.

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